

# ORIENTAL PHILOSOPHY AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION

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SUBJECT OF LECTURE  
SUNDAY EVENING

Aug. 26th

AT 8:15

"KARMA"

WEDNESDAY  
EVENING

Aug. 29th

AT 8:15

"THE COLOR AND  
FORM  
OF THOUGHT"

Among the wise teachings of the ancient sages we find one which says:

"Sow a thought and you will reap an action;  
Sow an action and reap a habit;  
Sow a habit, you will reap a character;  
Sow a character and reap a destiny."

"Thought is but a breath," says Victor Hugo, "and yet this breath can move the world."

Since, then, thought is seen by both ancient and by modern seers to have so marvellous a creative power, we need to study closely, in our own lives as well as in our environment, its properties and the most vital of the laws governing it.

So may we, by following along the lines of force which mark its path of activity, "Sow a thought and reap character," thus moulding our own destiny.

Thought is the link which unites the physical with the Spiritual world; it has form, whereas the *idea*, which lies back of it and generates it, is formless. If our thoughts run habitually on material affairs, our character grows more material; if, on the other hand we give a large share of our leisure to the service of humanity and the following out of our ideals, we are thus moulding our destiny, and in proportion to our strength do we indeed "Move the world".

Each individual has his own thought atmosphere, just as every home, every businesshouse or office, every city,—has also its essential character,—its spirit,—made up of the habitual vibrations of those who live in it, or who ever have dwelt there. We draw to us thoughts of similar vibrations to those which we habitually harbor, we make ourselves a centre for thoughts of good, or of evil,—constructive or destructive thoughts,—just as we will; "Sow the wind and reap the whirlwind," or if your will is strong enough, sow sunshine and reap *Love*, the Love Universal.

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